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THE EVIL ONE
YOU'VE READ STRANGE STORIES ABOUT DRAGONS AND SCOFFED! BUT DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK THAT DRAGONS, THE SHARP TALONED BEASTS OF THE UNKNOWN MUST HAVE ACTUALLY EXISTED IN ANCIENT TIMES WHEN ARMORED KNIGHTS SAT AT KING ARTHUR'S TABLE... THEN READ ON FOR AN ACCOUNT OF THIS EERIE TALE DESIGNED TO SHOCK YOU OUT OF YOUR SKIN!
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ON THE GLOOMY, MIST-SHROUDED MOORS NEAR THE TOWN OF CAMELFORD, ENGLAND...
THERE IT IS... LACHAN CASTLE! IT'S CERTAINLY ANCIENT AND FORBIDDING ENOUGH TO CONTAIN THE SECRET I'M SEEKING!
MY FATHER THE BARON IS DEAD... WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?
MY NAME IS GEORGE BAINES, MISS LACHAN... AND I'D LIKE YOUR PERMISSION TO EXAMINE YOUR FAMILY ARCHIVES AND RECORDS! YOU SEE I'M A RESEARCH WRITER WORKING ON AN ANCIENT HISTORY PROJECT! FRANKLY I BELIEVE THAT THIS CASTLE HOLDS MANY SECRETS ABOUT THOSE OLDEN DAYS!
GRRRR!
MY PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS INDICATE THAT CAMELFORD IS THE LOCATION OF THE ANCIENT TOWN OF CAMELOT! INCIDENTLY THE FAMOUS ENCHANTRESS KNOWN AS VIVIEN, THE LADY OF THE LAKE, IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE HAD HER CASTLE NEARBY!
WHY THAT'S ODD... MY NAME IS VIVIEN! IN EVERY GENERATION A DAUGHTER HAS BEEN GIVEN THAT NAME!
THEN MY HUNCH MUST BE RIGHT!
THE FAMILY ARCHIVES ARE KEPT IN A LOCKED VAULT... THEY'VE BEEN UNTOUCHED FOR GENERATIONS, BUT I'LL OPEN THE VAULT FOR YOU!
AFTER DAYS OF EXAMINING THE ANCIENT RECORDS...
I.. I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO ADMIT DEFEAT! THERE ARE GAPS IN THESE RECORDS, AS IF SOMEONE WANTED TO HIDE A SECRET!
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD! IT'S TIME TO RELAX! COME, LET'S TAKE A WALK, -IT'LL DO YOU GOOD!
HE'LL BE LEAVING NOW... AND I DON'T WANT HIM TO GO! OH, IF ONLY I HAD THE COURAGE TO MAKE HIM STAY HERE!
STRANGE... I HAVE AN OVERPOWERING IMPULSE TO KISS HER!
VIVIEN... DARLING!

TELL ME, IS IT AN AMERICAN HABIT FOR A MAN TO KISS A GIRL SO SOON AFTER MEETING HER?
ONLY IF HE'S FALLEN IN *LOVE* WITH HER! AND THERE'S ANOTHER AMERICAN HABIT! THE CARVING OF THE INITIALS OF SWEETHEARTS ON A TREE!

NO, GEORGE... *DON'T!* THERE'S AN OLD FAMILY SUPERSTITION THAT NO ONE IS SUPPOSE TO CUT IT DOWN OR LAY A BLADE ON IT!
NONSENSE!

SAY, THE BLADE MUST HAVE STRUCK METAL EMBEDDED UNDER THE BARK, I THINK I'LL PRY OFF THE BARK AND SEE WHAT'S THERE!
CLATK!

WHY, THERE'S A METAL PLATE WITH SOME PECULIAR WRITING ON IT!
YES... *CELTIC* WRITING... LET ME SEE IF I CAN TRANSLATE IT!

LET ME CHECK MY BOOK ON ANCIENT CELTIC!
IT'S AN ODD LANGUAGE! LET'S SEE *MERDDIN NAGAST AGENOR-IDRIS KINA - BALOR ALUKAH -*

SUDDENLY...
I FOUND IT! *MERDDIN* IS THE ANCIENT N NAME FOR *MERLIN*... THE WIZZARD OF *EVIL!*
G... GEORGE ...L... *LOOK!*

FANTASTIC! HE LOOKS LIKE THE OLD PRINTS I'VE SEEN OF MERLIN!

I REMEMBER NOW... THE ANCIENT LEGENDS SAID YOU WERE IMPRISONED IN AN OAK TREE BY VIVIEN THE LADY OF THE LAKE! AND YOU WERE RELEASED WHEN THIS VIVIEN READ OFF THE SPELL!
AN AYE, AND FOR THAT YE SHALL HAVE ANYTHING YOU NAME... ANYTHING!

BUT YOU, VIVIEN ... YE WILL DIE A HORRIBLE DEATH! YOU ARE THE DESCENDANT OF THE DECEITFUL ENCHANTRESS THAT TRICKED ME INTO REVEALING MY MAGIC SPELLS ... BUT NOW YOU WILL FEEL THE FURY OF MY VENGEANCE! ... AND IT WILL BE A BLOOD-FEAST!

YE'LL BE TORN APART, DEVOURED BY THE MOST FIENDISH BEASTS IN CREATION... MY DRAGONS! IT IS WITHIN MY POWER TO SUMMON THEM INTO THIS WORLD! WATCH!

MOGH-BUOTH!
YAAAHH-H! THAT THING IS REAL

HERE, MOGH-BUOTH! YE CAN FEED WELL... THERE YOUR PREY!
NO... NO!
GRW
OWR
GRRRR!!

WAIT, O MIGHTY MERLIN! LET YOUR REVENGE WAIT... THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR YOU TO ATTEND TO!
I WILL HEED YOU... BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FREEING ME! BUT IF THIS IS A TRICK, YOU TOO SHALL DIE!

BE GONE MOGH-BUOTH! ... NOW TELL ME, WHAT MATTERS DID YOU SPEAK OF?
THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU WERE A SORCERER IN KING ARTHUR'S TIME BUT NOW THERE LIVES A MAGICIAN WITH EVEN GREATER POWERS THAN YOURS, MERLIN!

THIS MAGICIAN DWELLS IN THE LAND OF VOLGA AND THE URALS! AND HE IS PLOTTING TO TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE WORLD, INCLUDING ENGLAND! ONE OF YOU MUST CONQUER THE OTHER!

YOU SHOULD COMBAT THE RED MAGICIAN NOW WITH ALL THE FORCES AT YOUR COMMAND, MERLIN ... BEFORE HE LEARNS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND TAKE STEPS TO DESTROY YOU!
GEORGE HOW COULD YOU ...?
SILENCE! WHAT HE SAYS IS OF INTEREST TO ME!

BEGONE SORCERESS ... REMAIN IN THE DUNGEON OF YOUR CASTLE UNTIL I HAVE DISPOSED OF THE RED MAGICIAN!
OH-HHH!

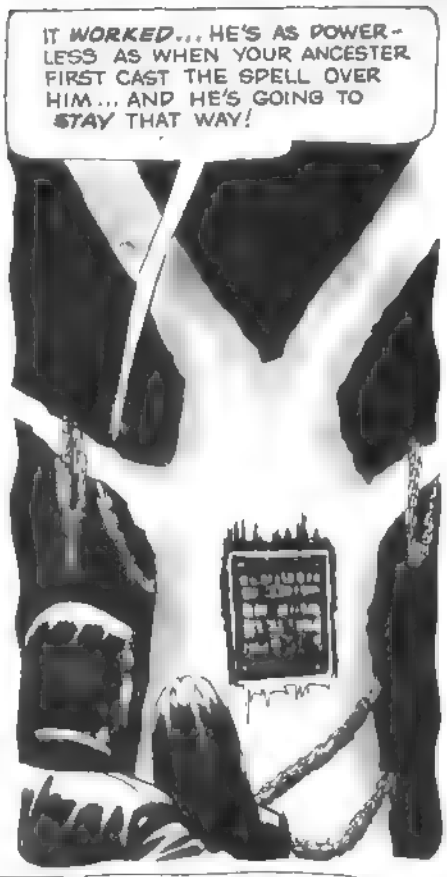
NOW, I WILL ATTACK THE RED MAGICIAN WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE GREATEST WIZARD OF EVIL! I WILL SEND THE FORCES OF THE NETHER WORLD AGAINST HIM! RISE UP MOGH-BUOTH ... COME, GUR-DRAOBH ... LOTH ...

GO ... GO TO THE LAND OF THE URALS AND VOLGA ... FALL UPON THE ARMY OF THE RED KNIGHT!

BUT AT AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN EMPLACEMENT OUTSIDE CAMELFORD...
WHA... IT'S A BLOOMIN' INVASION... MAYBE FROM MARS! SHOOT THEM DOWN, WHATEVER THEY ARE!
LOOK... THEY DISAPPEAR WHEN THEY'RE HIT! KEEP FIRING!
BAROOOMM!
MY DRAGONS ... THEY'VE BEEN SLAIN!
KEEP SENDING UP YOUR DRAGONS AND HOPE THAT SOME OF THEM GET THROUGH!
YOU ARE RIGHT! RISE UP, TORLHUKAR... ROGDESHTU...
THAT'LL KEEP HIM BUSY FOR AWHILE ... NOW TO GET TO THE CASTLE AND FREE VIVIEN!
WOOOM!
WOOOMM!
THEY'RE COMIN' UP FASTER THAN WE CAN KNOCK 'EM DOWN COLNEL
A DOZEN SQUADRONS OF FIGHTER PLANES ARE ON THE WAY!
A STRANGE BATTLE ENSUES - ANCIENT DRAGONS AGAINST MODERN AIRCRAFT!
RATATATA!!

AT BRITISH SOUTHWEST DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS IN CORNWALL...
OUR PLANES REPORT THE BEASTS KEEP COMING UP FROM THE VICINITY OF LACHAN CASTLE! WE'LL BOMB THE PLACE IF NECESSARY!
YOU HEARD ME! KEEP ATTACKING! ...THOSE ARE YOUR ORDERS!
MEANWHILE, IN THE DUNGEON AT LACHAN CASTLE...
GEORGE... YOU DIDN'T MEAN WHAT YOU SAID TO MERLIN!
OF COURSE NOT, DARLING! BUT WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST... PERHAPS YOU CAN IMPRISON MERLIN IN THE TREE, THE WAY LADY OF THE LAKE DID CENTURIES AGO!
AS SOON AS I KAYO HIM, GRAB THE SORCERER'S STAFF ...AND RECITE THE SPELL BACKWARDS ...BECAUSE THAT'S HOW HE WAS IMPRISONED IN THE FIRST PLACE!
I'M EXHAUSTING THE SUPPLY OF DRAGONS... I WILL HAVE TO SUMMON UP THE DREAD BELIAL HIMSELF... EVEN THOUGH HE MAY DESTROY THE ENTIRE WORLD!
BUT BEFORE MERLIN CAN UTTER THE SATANIC CHANT...
CRAK!
I'LL TELL HIM TO THE TREE BEFORE YOU RECITE THE SPELL! WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY BEFORE HE COMES TO!
I'LL MEMORIZE THE SPELL FIRST... BECAUSE HIS BODY WILL CONCEAL IT AGAINST THE TREE!
CALLING BOMBER COMMAND... THE BEASTS HAVE STOP COMING UP ... ARE WE STILL TO DROP OUR BOMBS!
NO... ONLY DROP THEM IF THE MONSTERS SHOW UP! WE'LL SEND TROOPS OUT TO INVESTIGATE!

HE'S BEGINING TO STIR HURRY UP WITH THAT SPELL!
MAXULA ROLAB-ANIK SIRDI-RONEGA TSAGAN NIDDREM!


IT WORKED... HE'S AS POWERLESS AS WHEN YOUR ANCESTER FIRST CAST THE SPELL OVER HIM... AND HE'S GOING TO STAY THAT WAY!

LATER...
AND THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT, GENERAL! MERLIN WILL NEVER ESCAPE AGAIN. BECAUSE VIVIEN WILL NEVER "READ-OFF" THE MAGIC SPELL AGAIN!
AND THIS IS HIS STAFF, EH? WE'LL KEEP IT GUARDED... NEVER KNOW WHEN IT WILL COME IN HANDY!

MEANWHILE, MISS LACHAN, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND MR BAINES FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN DESTROYING THE CREATURE OF EVIL. NO TELLING WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO THE WORLD, HAD HE ESCAPED!

WELL GENERAL, MISS LACHAN AND I ARE GOING TO BE MARRIED... SO THAT OUR CHILDREN WILL CARRY ON THE LINE OF THE LADY OF THE LAKE! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN BE SURE THAT THE SECRET WILL NEVER GET INTO THE WRONG HANDS!
FINE!

THE END

THE MAN BEAST

THE STEEL DOOR IS NO MATCH FOR THE MONSTER'S GREAT STRENGTH! AND AFTER SMASHING IT DOWN, THEY ENTER INTO A STRANGE CUBICLE...
THE CREATURES REGARD THEIR DISCOVERY WITH QUIET CURIOSITY BUT THE AIR ADMITTED THROUGH THE NOW OPEN DOOR REVIVES THE HUMANS!
I... WHAAAA! MONSTERS!
WHERE ARE WE! AIIIEEK! THEY'RE HORRIBLE!
GRAB YOUR GUNS, EVERYBODY! THEY'LL RIP US TO SHREDS!
IT'S THEM OR US!
GRRRPH!
PANIC STRICKEN AT THE SIGHT OF THE CREATURES, THE HUMANS REACH FOR THEIR WEAPONS! BUT THE MONSTERS, EQUALLY FRIGHTENED, INSTINCTIVELY RETALIATE!
GRRRPH!
AIIIEEE!
AIIEE! AGGGRRAA!
GRRRRPH!
WE'RE BEATING THEM BACK! KEEP SHOOTING!
GRRRPH!

THE MONSTERS TAKE A GREAT TOLL OF HUMAN LIFE BUT ARE FINALLY DRIVEN OFF!
THAT WAS GHASTLY, CARL! THE 20TH CENTURY WAS NEVER LIKE THIS! WHEN WE VOLUNTEERED TO BE SEALED IN A TIME CAPSULE, I NEVER DREAMED WE'D COME OUT LIKE THIS!
IT'S HORRIBLE... JUST HORRIBLE!
TO THINK THIS AREA ONCE NEW YORK! WHAT HAS THE WORLD COME TO!
WE'LL NEVER KNOW UNTIL WE GO ABOVE AND EXPLORE, PROFESSOR!
DRESS
BUT THE MONSTERS...!
WE HAVE TO RISK IT, JAN!
THESE MONSTERS MUST BE THE SURVIVORS OF CIVILIZATION AS WE KNEW IT! A CATASTROPHE MUST HAVE TAKEN PLACE!
RIGHT, PROFESSOR! REMEMBER, NO VIOLENCE UNLESS WE'RE ATTACKED!
THERE THEY ARE! WE'LL TRY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM!
WITH THEIR STRENGTH, IF THEY PROVE FRIENDLY THEY MAY BE USEFUL!
THE CREATURES DO PROVE PEACEFUL AND THE SCIENTISTS ARE SUCCESSFUL ENLISTING THEIR AID IN DIGGING OUT THE BUNKER!

ALTHOUGH FORMIDABLE IN APPEARANCE THE STRANGE CREATURES WERE QUICK TO COOPERATE!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THESE INJECTIONS WILL RETURN HIS HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS?
WE'VE BEEN INJECTING THIS SERUM ALL WEEK, CARL! WE SHOULD GET SOME IMPROVEMENT SOON!
LOOK, CARL! ITS FEATURES!
YES THE SERUM IS WORKING!
WAIT...! QUIET!
GRRRPH!.. I... WHERE... WHERE AM... I... GRRRRPH...
HE SPOKE! MARVELOUS!
WE'RE SUCCEEDING! SPLENDID!
THAT NIGHT...
WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS CARL! WE'LL CONTINUE THE EXPERIMENTS TOMORROW! IF WE'RE LUCKY WE MAY BE ABLE TO TURN ALL OF THESE MONSTERS BACK TO THE HUMANS THEY PROBABLY ONCE WERE!
BUT THE NEXT DAY...
THE MONSTER, PROFESSOR! MISSING!
ESCAPE! THIS IS HORRIBLE! WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!
LIKE MEN POSSESSED, CARL AND THE PROFESSOR HUNT FEVERISHLY...
COME, CARL! IF HE GETS BACK TO THE OTHER MONSTERS...! ALERT OUR CREW!
RIGHT! WITH HIM TO LEAD THEM NOW IT MIGHT BE THE END FOR US!

AND THE PROFESSOR'S GRIM PREDICTION MATERIALIZES INTO STARK, LURID REALITY!
THEY'RE COMING FOR US! AND HE'S LEADING THEM!
LET'S RUN, CARL!
TOO LATE FOR THAT! IT'S A FIGHT TO THE FINISH NOW!
AIIIEEE!
GRRRPH!
AGGRRAAA!
ONE LESS, ANYWAY!
AGGRRRAAA...!
AIIEEEE!
GRRRRPH!
AGGGRRPoooo
NO USE... CARL...
AIIIIIEEEK!
GRRRRPH!
CARL! HELP! AIIIEEE... NO... AGGGRRAA!

THE SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH OF THE GHASTLY CREATURES IS TOO MUCH FOR THE OUT-NUMBERED HUMANS AND THE ONLY SURVIVORS WAS CARL!
DEAD! ALL OF THEM! AND I'LL BE NEXT UNLESS I GET BACK TO THE TIME CAPSULE!
GRRRPH!

THEY'VE SEEN ME! I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT!

GRRRPH!
...NOT... FAR... NOW...

MADE IT! THEY'LL NEVER GET ME IN HERE! I'LL SEAL MYSELF IN THE CAPSULE AGAIN!

BUT AS THE LONE REMAINING HUMAN SEALS THE TIME-CAPSULE, HE TURNS IN HORROR TO SEE THAT HE IS NOT ALONE!
I... WHAAA! THE MONSTER WE EXPERIMENTED ON!
GRRRPH! GRRRPH!

DIE, MONSTER, DIE!
GRRRRPH! AGGGRRRAA!

GRRRPH!
HE'S DYING! I... WHAAAA!

AIIIEEEE! THE PROFESSORS SERUM... HYPODERMIC NEEDLE!

CARL'S BODY IS PIERCED BY THE INJECTION NEEDLE CONTAINING THE PROFESSOR'S STRANGE SERUM! AND A HIDEOUS TRANSFORMATION BEGINS!
I... CAN'T GET UP... I... AIIIEEE... I... I'M CHANGING!

I... CAN'T... GRRRPH!... I... GRRRPH!... DYING...

...GRRRRRH!! AGGGRRRRAAA...!

THE LAST HUMAN IS HORRIBLY DESTROYED BY ONE OF HIS OWN INVENTIONS... AND THE EARTH IS ONCE AGAIN INHABITED SOLELY BY MONSTERS!
GRRRRPH...!!
THE END

THE MUMMIES

LOVE CAN FRIGHTEN AS WELL AS SOOTHE - KILL AS WELL AS BRING HAPPINESS. THE LOVE OF CENTURIES COULD NOT BE STIFLED - EVEN IF IT HAD TO DRAG ITSELF OUT OF ITS ROTTED TOMB TO FULFILL ITS DESTINY!

AAAAGHHH!

OUT OF MY WAY, MORTAL! NO POWER ON EARTH CAN STOP ME FROM CLAIMING MY LOVE!

YOUNG PRINCE RAH HAD BEEN CAUGHT KISSING THE FAIR TLEENA'S HAND. TLEENA WAS THE DAUGHTER OF THE GREAT PHAROAH AND ALSO BETHROTHED TO THE EVIL TUT-KAH, HER DISTANT COUSIN...

FAREWEL, MY YOUNG FRIEND! YOU HAVE LOVED AND LOST! HA, HA...

YOU BLACK-HEARTED ROGUE! YOU'LL STILL NOT GET TLEENA SHE'LL KILL HERSELF BEFORE SHE ACCEPTS YOU IN MARRIAGE!

YOU DOG! SHE IS EVEN NOW PREPARING TO ACCEPT HER VOWS! HO-SLAVES! PREPARE TO LOWER THAT WINCH!

ENOUGH OF THIS PRATTLE! BE SATISFIED THAT I GIVE YOU EVERLASTING PEACE! - YOU SHALL BE BURIED ALIVE!

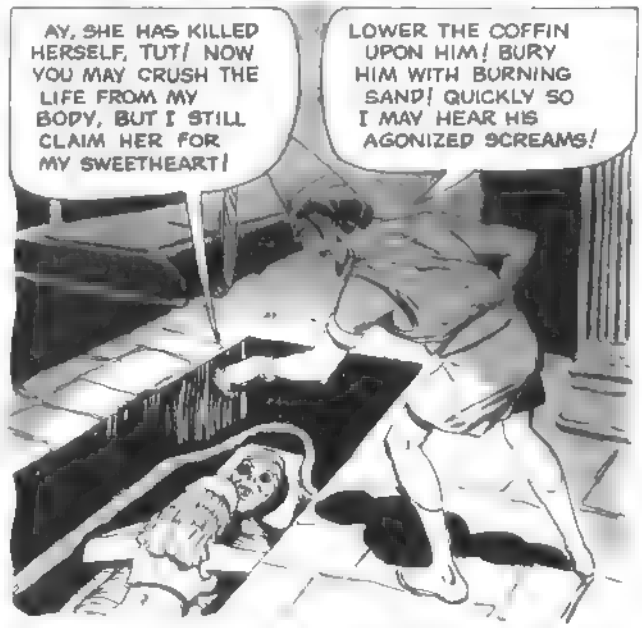
THIS I PROMISE TUT-KAH! TLEENA SHALL NEVER GIVE HERSELF UP TO SUCH AN EVIL MONSTER AS YOU!

I SHALL NOT WAIT FOR YOUR SCREAMS, PIG! I SHALL KILL YOU MYSELF!
OUR PRINCESS TLEENA WISHES TO SPEAK. OH, MASTERS! BOW TO HER!

HAIL! OH, MY FATHER - IN YOUR JUSTICE YOU HAVE COMMITTED A GREAT WRONG! YOU ARE CONDEMNING A MAN WHO SOUGHT ONLY TO WIN MY LOVE! KNOW ALL OF YOU, THAT I LOVE RAH - NOT THE EVIL TUT!

KNOW - GREAT PHAROAH THAT YOUR DAUGHTER BELONGS TO ME - OR I SHALL BRING DOWN MY MIGHTY LEGIONS AGAINST ALL OF EGYPT! WHAT SAY YE NOW, TLEENA?

THEN THERE IS NO CHOICE FOR ME BUT TO KILL MYSELF! RAH - MY SWEET! I SHALL JOIN YOU IN DEATH!
OHHH! SHE HAS KILLED HERSELF! TLEENA IS DEAD! OHHH...


AY, SHE HAS KILLED HERSELF, TUT! NOW YOU MAY CRUSH THE LIFE FROM MY BODY, BUT I STILL CLAIM HER FOR MY SWEETHEART!
LOWER THE COFFIN UPON HIM! BURY HIM WITH BURNING SAND! QUICKLY SO I MAY HEAR HIS AGONIZED SCREAMS!

SHOVEL THAT DIRT OVER HIS FEATURES! LET HIM SUFFOCATE! HA, HA...

KNOW YE, TUT! WE SHALL HAVE OUR REVENGE! YOU HAVE KILLED US - BUT YOU SHALL NEVER KILL OUR LOVE! SOMEWHERE - SOMETIME, WE SHALL RETURN! YOU WILL NEVER SEPARATE TLEENA AND I...

SO CENTURIES WENT BY - AND THE TOMB OF THE TWO LOVERS SANK LOWER AND LOWER INTO THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH. DEATH HAD CLAIMED THEM - ONE INSEPARABLE - EVER CONSTANT AS TIME ITSELF.
THEN 3000 YEARS LATER - DR. JACOB MESSNER DISCOVERED A SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLE THAT WAS TO BRING HIM SUCH DISREPUTE - AND DEATH!!
PREPOSTEROUS! NO ONE CAN BRING DEAD CORPSES TO LIFE! HE'S INSANE! THROW HIM OUT!
YOU'LL SEE! YOU FOOLS - YOU ARE TOO BLIND TO RECOGNIZE GENIUS SUCH AS MINE!
HA, HA - YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A CHARLATAN, MESSNER! GO BACK TO YOUR WEIRD EXPERIMENTS AND YOUR SMELLY VIALS! HA, HA!
BAH! LAUGH NOW - BUT YOU SHALL COME TO ME ONE DAY, BEGGING TO TAKE ME BACK! I'LL SHOW YOU ALL!
JACOB MESNER HAD FOR YEARS WORKED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT LIFE COMES FROM ELECTRICAL ENERGY NOW HE WAS ABOUT TO PROVE IT...
THIS MUMMY IS PERFECT FOR MY EXPERIMENT! THE MUSEUM WILL NEVER FIND OUT WHO STOLE IT - ONE OF THEIR OWN MEMBERS! HA, HA... EVERYTHING IS READY!
HA, HA - SOON IT SHALL BE ALIVE SOON I SHALL WIN EVERLASTING FAME FOR MYSELF
CRAACKLE... SNAP... SNAP...
BUT, THREE TRYING HOURS LATER...
BAH! IT HAS NOT MOVED AN INCH! IT IS BUT A DUMB CLOD OF PROTOPLASM! I'LL FLING IT BACK TO THE MOULDY COFFIN WHENCE IT CAME! I HAVE ANOTHER SPECIMEN TO WORK WITH!
NOW WITH THIS ONE I SHALL TRY A DIFFERENT APPROACH! I'LL CONNECT THE ELECTRODES IN A CONTINUOUS SERIES THAT SHOULD GIVE ME MORE ELECTRICITY! HA, HA - I SHALL SUCCEED!

WHO DARES DISTURB OUR REPOSE? I SHALL THROTTLE THE MORTAL THAT HAS CALLED US BACK FROM THE BEYOND! AIIIE IT IS TUT HE LIVES AGAIN THROUGH HIS DESCENDANT!

ONCE AGAIN, THE HUM OF GIANT GENERATORS BEGAN THEIR WHINE OF EERIE PROTEST! BUT NOW, BLENDED WITH THEM WAS A CACOPHONOUS DISCORD OF INHUMAN PAIN...
OHHH... WHY DO YE TORTURE US? LET US BE! DO NOT TORTURE US SO!
HA, HA! IT MOVES! I'VE BROUGHT BACK LIFE FROM THE DEAD!

SUDDENLY...
W-WHAT WAS THAT?

MESSNER GRABBED A FLASHLIGHT AND WENT DOWNSTAIRS TO INVESTIGATE, LITTLE REALIZING THAT HIS NEMESIS WAS NEAR. HE HAD JUST ARRIVED BACK AT HIS LAB WHEN—
YOU HAVE CREATED YOUR EVIL ONCE AGAIN, TUT! TLEENA AND I HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO LIFE! BUT YOU'LL TORTURE US NO MORE! WE SHALL HAVE OUR REVENGE!

YE SHALL GIVE US YOUR OWN ELECTRICAL ENERGY! WE SHALL TOUCH LIPS, TLEENA AND I WE SHALL MARRY AND THEN JOIN EACH OTHER BACK IN THE BEYOND! THIS SHALL BE YOUR DOOM!
DON'T WALK UNDER THAT ELECTRODE! WE'LL ALL BE ELECTROCUTED! AIIIEEEE!

YAAAA!

THE FLESH UNDULATED, WRINKLED, AND MELTED IN RIVULETS OF STINKING SLIME... AND SECONDS LATER, THREE BLOBS OF AMORPHOUS PROTOPLASM REMAINED!
ZZZ-ZZZ-ZZZZ!

...AND TWO CHARRED BONEY HANDS JOINED TOGETHER, FOR RAH AND TLEENA WERE JOINED AT LAST!
THE END

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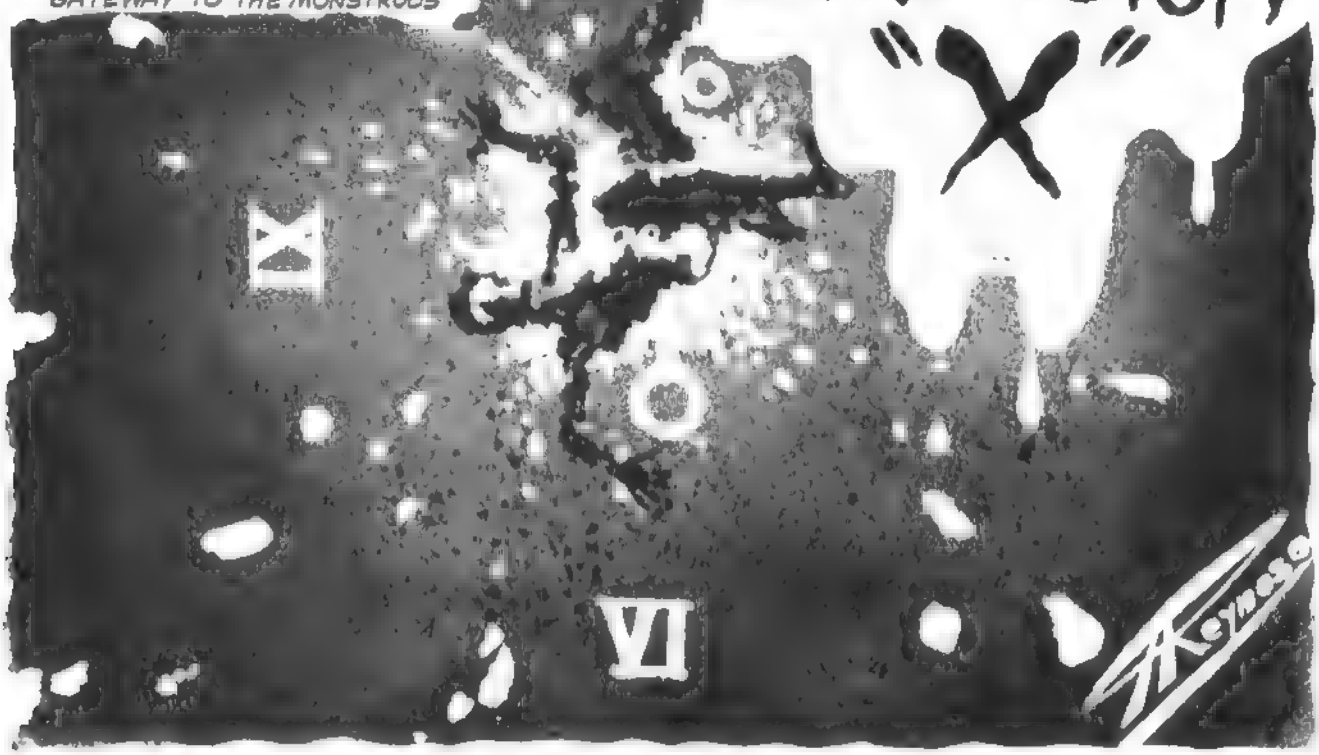
HIRAM CASTLE LOVED TO COLLECT CLOCKS! AN INNOCENT PASTIME... YOU MIGHT THINK! YET IT WAS A CLOCK THAT BROUGHT HIM FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE ULTIMATE IN HORROR... A CLOCK THAT WAS THE GATEWAY TO THE MONSTROUS



IT WAS LATE AT NIGHT WHEN DETECTIVE SAM JEFFERS CALLED HIRAM CASTLE, TELLING HIM TO JOIN HIM AT A NONDESCRIPT ROOMING HOUSE!

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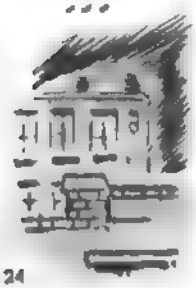
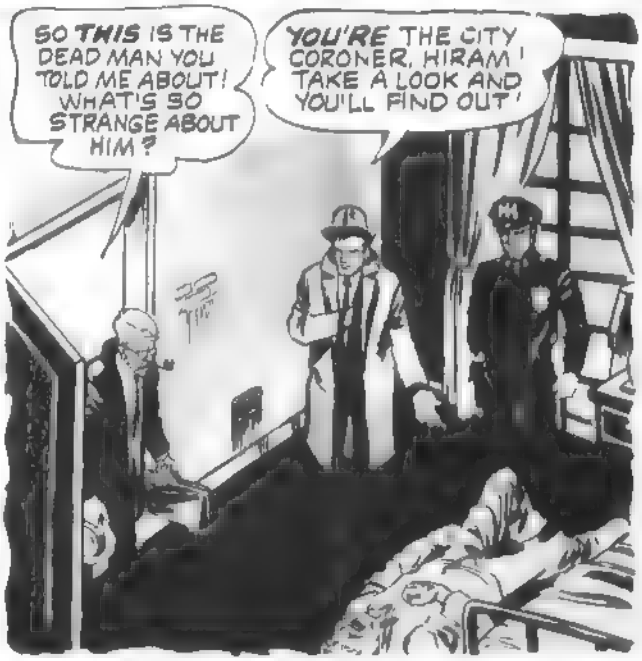




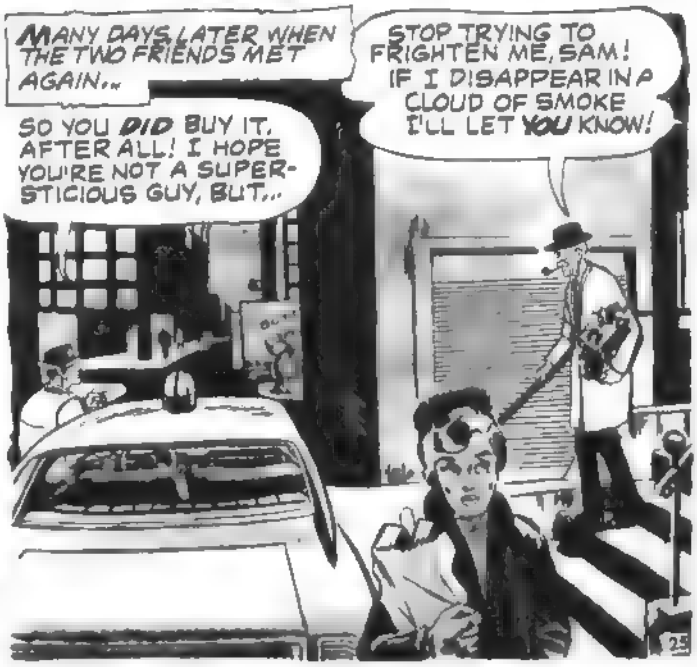
OFFICER CASEY HEARD A SCREAM, RUSHED UP HERE AND FOUND HIM JUST LIKE THIS! THERE WAS THIS SCRAWLED NOTE, TOO...
LET ME SEE IT, SAM!

JUST A FEW WORDS... BUT THEY WERE TO LEAD TO A HORROR BEYOND BELIEF...
IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
The clock... the thirteenth stroke...

THE MENTION OF A CLOCK IN THE STRANGE NOTE AROUSED HIRAM CASTLE'S INTEREST! HE'D ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN CLOCKS... AND WAS CONSTANTLY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NEW ONES TO ADD TO HIS COLLECTION!
THIS MUST BE THE CLOCK HE WAS WRITING ABOUT! THERE IS SOMETHING ODD ABOUT IT!
SURE IS! IT'S BEEN GIVING ME THE HEEBIE JEEBIES EVER SINCE I WALKED IN HERE!

I'D LIKE TO OWN IT! THOUGH... I KNOW JUST THE SPOT IN MY HOUSE WHERE IT COULD BE PLACED!

IF THAT POOR GUY HAS NO HEIRS AND DIDN'T LEAVE A WILL, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO BUY THAT CLOCK AT PUBLIC AUCTION... BUT IT SEEMS TO ME YOU HAVE ENOUGH CLOCKS IN YOUR PLACE!
THAT PARTICULAR ONE INTRIGUES ME, SAM! I DON'T KNOW WHY... BUT IT DOES!


MANY DAYS LATER WHEN THE TWO FRIENDS MET AGAIN...
SO YOU DID BUY IT, AFTER ALL! I HOPE YOU'RE NOT A SUPERSTICIOUS GUY, BUT...
STOP TRYING TO FRIGHTEN ME, SAM! IF I DISAPPEAR IN A CLOUD OF SMOKE I'LL LET YOU KNOW!

HIRAM CASTLE CARRIED HIS PRIZE HOME VERY CAREFULLY, NOT KNOWING HE WAS HOLDING HIS FATE IN HIS HANDS! LATER...AS HE WAS READY TO GO TO BED...

THIS OUGHT TO BE A GOOD PLACE FOR IT... RIGHT HERE!

THE TICKING OF THE STRANGE CLOCK GREW LOUDER AND LOUDER UNTIL ITS SOUND FILLED THE ENTIRE ROOM!

I HOPE I'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP WITH ALL THAT NOISE! IF I WEREN'T SO TIRED, I'D MOVE IT NOW!

TICK TICK TICK TICK

A FITFULLTOSSING SLEEP FINALLY CAME...AND OUT OF THE DARKNESS OF THE ROOM A STRANGE GLOW BEGAN TO FORM...

I--I REMEMBER YOU! YOU'RE THE MAN WHO OWNED THE CLOCK! BUT...BUT YOU'RE DEAD! YOU CAN'T BE HERE!

...AN URGENCY PENETRATED HIS CONSCIOUSNESS... PULLING...DEMANDING...UNTIL, AT LAST, HE OPENED HIS EYES...

THE CLOCK! DESTROY THE CLOCK!

WHO...WHAT... HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

YES... IT WAS A DEAD FACE... BUT A FACE STILL STIFF WITH FRIGHT!

GET RID OF THE CLOCK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! YOU MUST... YOU MUST...

I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CLOCK? WHY MUST I DESTROY IT?
BECAUSE YOU... AGH-H-H-H!

The APPARITION WRITHED IN AGONY AND THEN... DISAPPEARED IN A SEARING LIGHT THAT HAD A FORCE THAT CATAPULTED HIRAM BACKWARDS UPON HIS BED...

LONG MINUTES LATER...
THERE'S NO ONE HERE! I--I MUST HAVE BEEN DREAMING! YES...THAT'S WHAT IT WAS... A DREAM!

BUT DREAM OR NO DREAM... CASTLE FOUND FURTHER SLEEP AN IMPOSSIBILITY! HE LAY IN BED... LISTENING TO THE CLOCK, COUNTING THE HOUR SOUNDED..
EIGHT... NINE...TEN... ELEVEN...
BONG!
BONG!

...TWELVE-- THIRTEEN! THE CLOCK STRUCK THIRTEEN TIMES!?

And ALMOST AT THE SAME INSTANT AS THE THIRTEENTH STROKE SOUNDED, HIRAM CASTLE FELT HIS BODY TORN BY A TREMENDOUS VIBRATION! A SEARING PAIN FILLED HIM, AND THE ROOM WHIRLED AND TURNED ABOUT HIM!
THE...THIRTEENTH... STROKE!!!

THE AGONY WAS INCREDIBLE!!! AND THEN THE TERRIBLE SENSATION OF FALLING...ENDLESSLY...

And...
MY HEAD! I FEEL AS THOUGH I HAD DIED A THOUSAND DEATHS!

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY BEDROOM? WHERE AM I? THIS.. STRANGE PLACE...NOTHING AT ALL HERE! ONLY THAT GLOBE OVERHEAD!

THE BRIGHT LIGHT GLARED MERCILESSLY DOWN, AND AS CASTLE LOOKED AROUND HIM THERE WAS A STIRRING IN THE AIR.. A SWIRLING MISTINESS THAT EMANATED FROM THE GROUND...AND TOOK FORM!
I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- THESE...THESE STRANGE SHAPES! I...I MUST BE...DREAMING...

THEN, HE WAS SURROUNDED BY MONSTROUS, EVIL LOOKING BEINGS THAT GATHERED AROUND HIM WITH HUNGRY... OUTSTRETCHED ARMS REACHING FOR HIM...
IT CAN'T BE! STAY AWAY FROM ME! STAY AWAY!

GET BACK! YOU MUST NOT TOUCH HIM! NOT YET! NOT YET!
WH-- WHERE AM I?

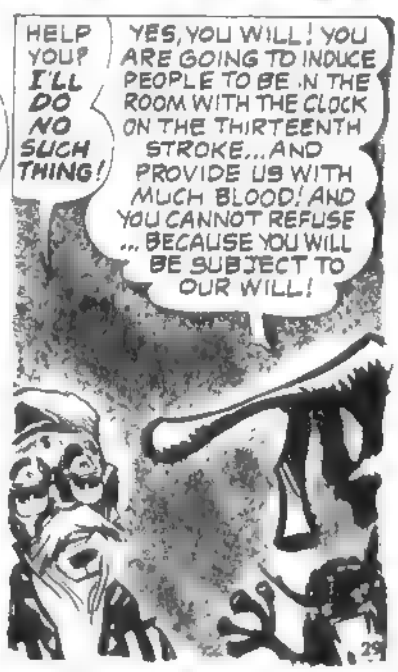
DO YOU NOT KNOW? YOU HAVE COME TO US THROUGH THE CLOCK... THE GATEWAY TO OUR PLANE OF EXISTENCE! WE LIVE ON THE BLOOD OF THOSE WHO ARE TRANSPORTED HERE BY THE THIRTEENTH STROKE!

THIS IS FANTASTIC! YOU'RE A LIAR!
FANTASTIC... YOU SAY? LOOK BEHIND YOU!

HIRAM CASTLE WHIRLED... HIS SENSES STILL DAZED BY HIS UNBELIEVABLE EXPERIENCE!
MEN... HUMAN MEN-- BUT YOU'RE ALL... ALL...
DEAD! WE ARE DEAD... VICTIMS OF THESE EVIL THINGS!

YOU... YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TRIED TO WARN ME... THE ONE WHO OWNED THE CLOCK BEFORE I DID!
WE'RE DOOMED... DOOMED TO WANDER HERE UNTIL THE CLOCK IS DESTROYED! YOU MUST HELP US... HELP US--

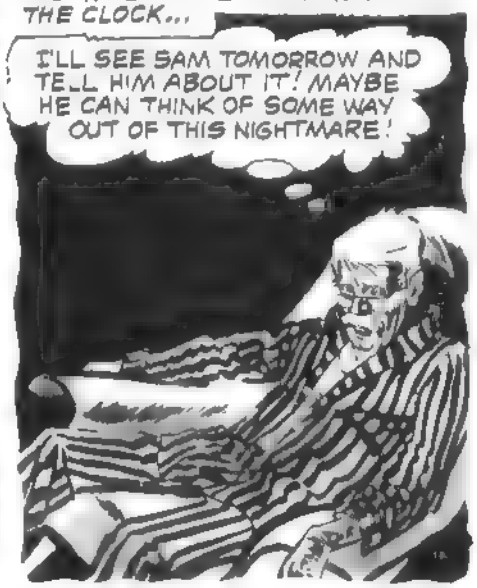
A NIGHTMARE COME TO LIFE! CASTLE STILL DIDN'T BELIEVE THIS WAS HAPPENING TO HIM...
I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY! YOU CAN'T KEEP ME HERE!
THERE IS NO ESCAPE! WE ARE GOING TO SEND YOU BACK TO YOUR OWN WORLD SO YOU CAN HELP US!


HELP YOU? I'LL DO NO SUCH THING!
YES, YOU WILL! YOU ARE GOING TO INDUCE PEOPLE TO BE IN THE ROOM WITH THE CLOCK ON THE THIRTEENTH STROKE... AND PROVIDE US WITH MUCH BLOOD! AND YOU CANNOT REFUSE ... BECAUSE YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO OUR WILL!

RETURN TO YOUR WORLD!
I WON'T DO IT! I WON'T... AH-H-H-H!
BRING US MUCH BLOOD!

THE TORTUROUS STRAIN OF THE VIBRATIONS, AND CASTLE FOUND HIMSELF ONCE AGAIN IN HIS BEDROOM! ONE THOUGHT WAS UPPERMOST IN HIS MIND!
THE CLOCK! I'LL DESTROY THE CLOCK!

I--I WANT TO, BUT I-- I CAN'T! SOME FORCE WON'T LET ME!


HIRAM WAS HELPLESS TO OVERCOME THE WILL OF THE HORRORS BEYOND THE CLOCK...
I'LL SEE SAM TOMORROW AND TELL HIM ABOUT IT! MAYBE HE CAN THINK OF SOME WAY OUT OF THIS NIGHTMARE!

THE NEXT EVENING, CASTLE HAD DINNER WITH HIS BEST FRIEND, SAM JEFFERS!
OKAY, HIRAM... SPILL IT! WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING!
Y-YES... IT'S ABOUT A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE I HAD!

And THEN, THE ULTIMATE HORROR... CASTLE FOUND HIMSELF UNABLE TO TELL JEFFERS OF HIS EXPERIENCE! INSTEAD... WORDS HE DIDN'T WANT TO SAY CAME TUMBLING FROM HIS TREMBLING LIPS!
WHY... WHY DON'T YOU COME TO MY PLACE TONIGHT, SAM? SPEND THE EVENING WITH ME!
DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE TO ME! I'D BE GLAD TO COME!

THAT EVENING...
IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT SAM! HOW ABOUT COMING INTO MY BEDROOM? I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING!
SURE THING, HIRAM!

YOU'RE ACTING SO STRANGELY, HIRAM! ...STARTING TO SAY SOMETHING... AND THEN STOP...
YES... I DO WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING... ABOUT THE CLOCK! COME, LOOK AT IT MORE CLOSELY!

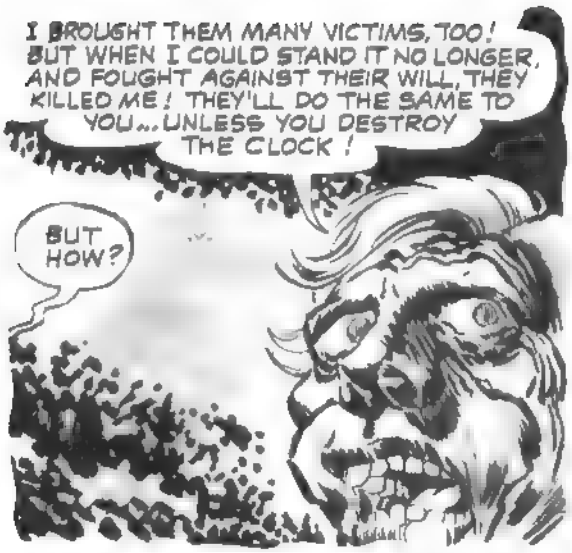
LOOKS THE SAME AS IT EVER DID!
LISTEN TO IT! TEN... ELEVEN... TWELVE...
BONG BONG BONG

AND THEN...
THE THIRTEENTH STROKE!
BANG!

THE TWISTING AND TURNING...AND...
WHAT HAPPENED, HIRAM? WHAT... WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?
I-- I CAN TELL YOU! MY WILL IS FREE AGAIN, NOW THAT I'M BACK HERE!

AT LAST, CASTLE WAS ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE HORRIBLE THING HE HAD DONE!
THEIR WILL FORCED ME TO BRING YOU HERE! THEY'LL DESTROY YOU... AND I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK AND GET OTHERS! -- AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO... NOTHING!!
I HAVE A GUN! THAT MIGHT HELP!

And THEN... THERE APPEARED THE DEAD... THE LOST SOULS...
WHAT?
HELP US! RELEASE US BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

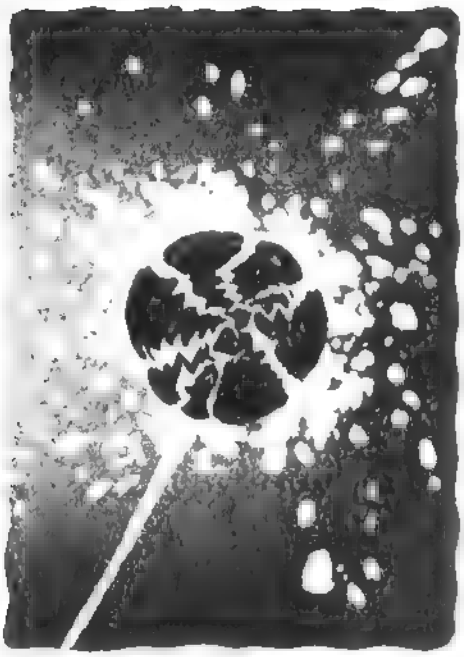

I BROUGHT THEM MANY VICTIMS, TOO! BUT WHEN I COULD STAND IT NO LONGER, AND FOUGHT AGAINST THEIR WILL, THEY KILLED ME! THEY'LL DO THE SAME TO YOU... UNLESS YOU DESTROY THE CLOCK!
BUT HOW?

BUT BEFORE THE ANSWER COULD BE GIVEN...
THE SHINING GLOBE!
THE HORRORS! LOOK...THEY'RE COMING!
WE'LL TRY TO RUN FOR IT!

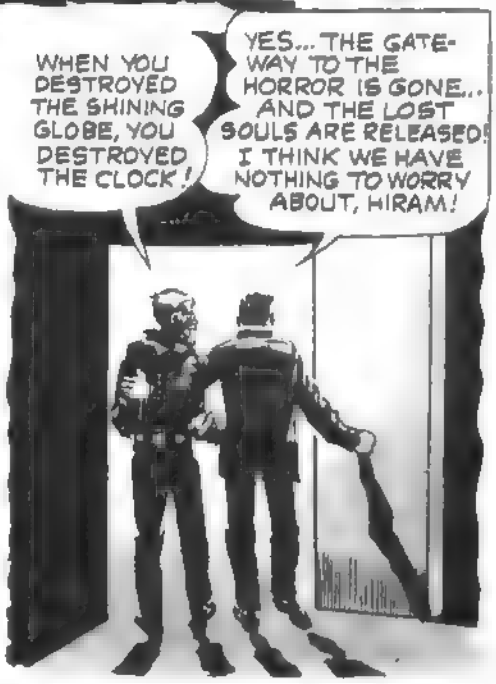
THE TWO MEN RAN...GASPING FOR BREATH... SMELLING EVIL THINGS CLOSE TO THEIR HEELS!
HURRY-- FASTER!

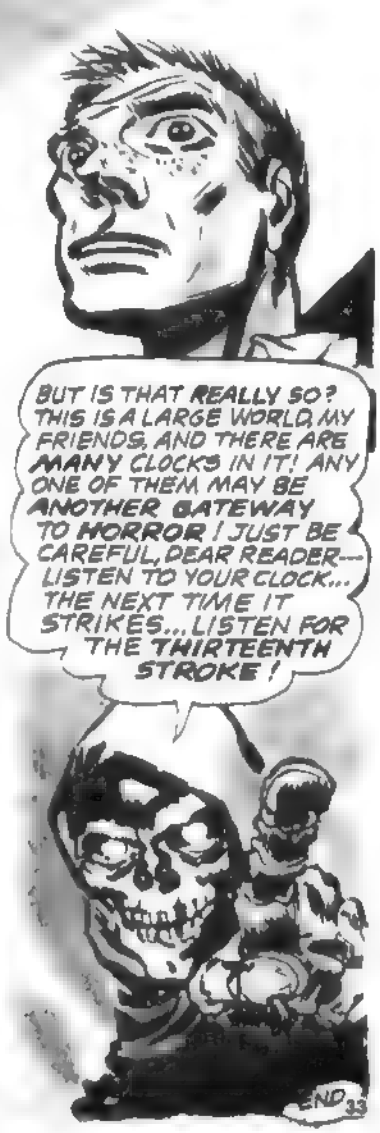
IT-- GASP-- IT'S HOPELESS! THERE'S NO PLACE...GASP... TO HIDE! WE CAN'T GET AWAY!
THE GLOBE...GASP... THE DEAD MAN... SAID SOMETHING ...GASP..ABOUT THE SHINING GLOBE! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

IT WAS A FORLORN HOPE, BUT... JEFFERS FIRED...
WE WILL HAVE RICH BLOOD!
THIS MUST WORK!
BANG!



THE SHOT PENETRATED THE GLOBE, SHATTERING IT! INSTANTLY THERE WAS A BATTERING EXPLOSION... CRASHING AGAINST THEM, SENDING THEM HURTLING THROUGH SPACE...





ERIC RAMON MURDERED JONATHAN SCOTT WHEN HE LEARNED OF JONATHAN'S GREAT SECRET! HE BECAME SO GREEDY THAT HE LOST HIS SENSE OF REASON! HE ALSO LOST HIS HEAD. THIS HAPPENED WHEN HE TOOK A...

SKULL IN A BOX

RAMON, THE EXPEDITION'S LEADER CONFERS WITH THE CHIEFTAIN... ALONE...

BEYOND VILLAGE IS HOLY VALLEY OF GOLD! AND GREAT WHITE GOD!

THAT MUST BE SCOTT! BUT COULD THAT BE? A VALLEY OF GOLD?

THE PROSPECT OF A GOLDEN VALLEY REMAINS RAMON'S GREEDY SECRET! AND THAT NIGHT AS HIS COMPANIONS SLEEP...

I'LL BE THERE BEFORE THEY KNOW I'M GONE! IF THERE REALLY IS A VALLEY OF GOLD, NO ONE WILL KNOW BUT ME!

THAT MORNING...

JONATHAN!

ERIC! YOU'VE COME!

YES, ERIC... AT FIRST IT WAS TERRIBLE! BUT... THE NATIVES ARE VERY FRIENDLY AND I SOON BECAME INTERESTED IN THEIR CULTURE AND WELFARE!

THAT IS LIKE YOU, JONATHAN!

YOU WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THIS GOLD... BUT I DO!

THESE SKULLS, JONATHON! ARE THE NATIVES... I MEAN...?

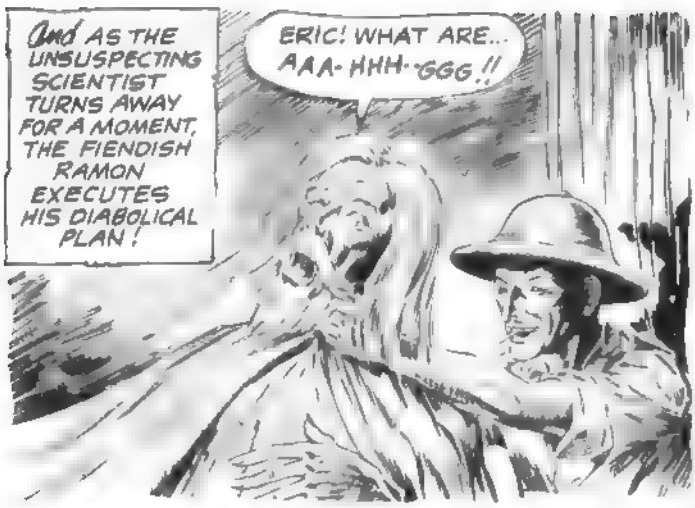
THEY ARE SHRUNKEN HEADS, ERIC! BUT THESE NATIVES ARE HOSTILE ONLY WHEN THEY'RE PROVOKED!

THE TREACHEROUS RAMON WATCHES INTENTLY AS SCOTT CASUALLY OUTLINES THE ANCIENT CANNIBAL HEAD SHRINKING TECHNIQUE...

...THUS YOU SEE, ERIC, THIS HOCUS-POCUS STUNT IS REALLY QUITE SIMPLE!

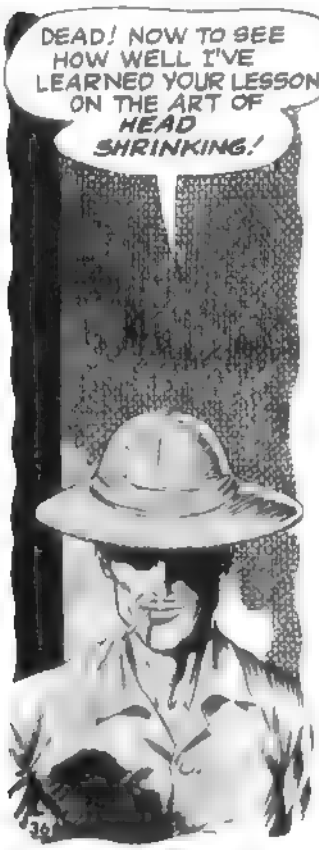
YES, SCOTT! ANYONE COULD DO IT!

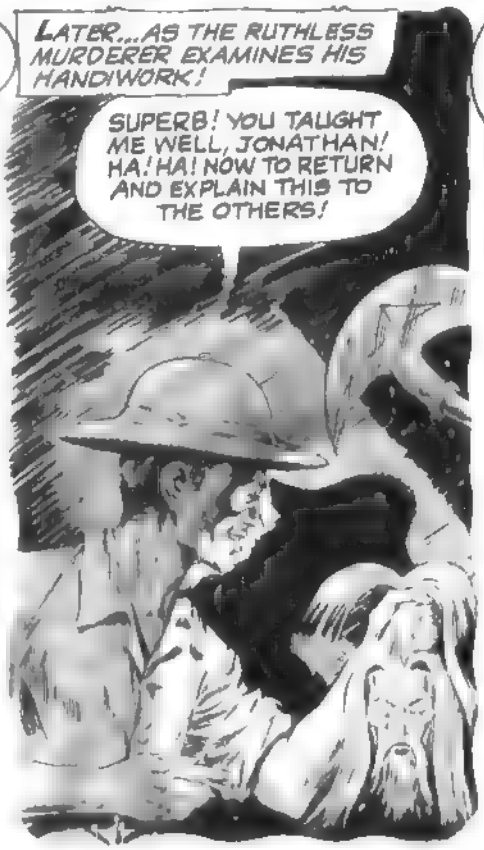
YES, ANYONE!!... IF I RETURN WITH SCOTT'S SHRUNKEN SKULL, THEY'LL THINK IT'S THE WORK OF NATIVES! AND NO ONE WILL KNOW OF THE GOLD!


And AS THE UNSUSPECTING SCIENTIST TURNS AWAY FOR A MOMENT, THE FIENDISH RAMON EXECUTES HIS DIABOLICAL PLAN!
ERIC! WHAT ARE... AAA-HHH-GGG!!

DIE, SCOTT! DIE... SO THAT I MAY BE RICH AND POWERFUL!

AA-GGRR...RR!!


DEAD! NOW TO SEE HOW WELL I'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON ON THE ART OF HEAD SHRINKING!

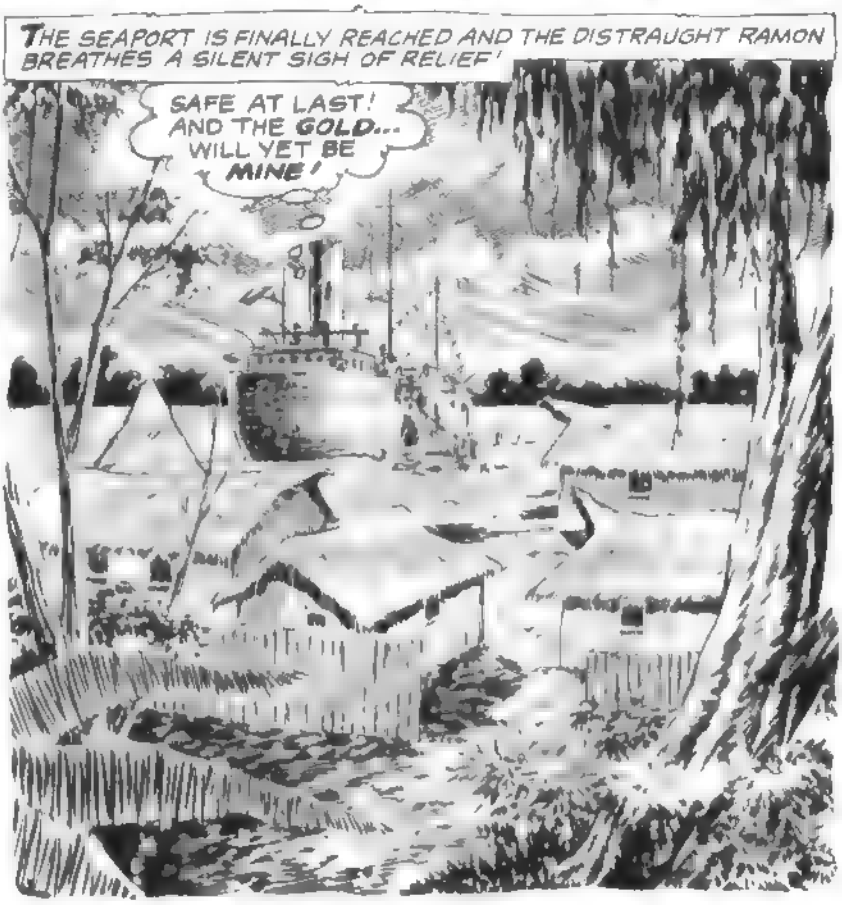

LATER...AS THE RUTHLESS MURDERER EXAMINES HIS HANDIWORK!
SUPERB! YOU TAUGHT ME WELL, JONATHAN! HA! HA! NOW TO RETURN AND EXPLAIN THIS TO THE OTHERS!

IT'S JONATHAN ...NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! FRIGHTFUL!
TRAGIC! THE NATIVES ARE SAVAGE!
YES... THIS IS A SAD ENDING TO OUR SEARCH!

THE GRIM BAND OF SCIENTISTS PLACE THE SHRIVELLED HEAD OF THEIR DEAD CO-WORKER INTO A WOODEN BOX AND SOMBERLY PREPARE FOR THEIR RETURN TREK...OBLIVIOUS OF THE THIN SNEER THAT CREASES THEIR LEADER'S VISAGE...
NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO HERE! WE'LL START BACK IMMEDIATELY, ERIC!
YES... IMMEDIATELY!
THE FOOLS SUSPECT NOTHING! I'LL RETURN FOR THE GOLD ALONE! THANK YOU, JONATHAN SCOTT! HA-HA-HA-HA!
I'LL BE THE WEALTHIEST MAN ON FIVE CONTINENTS! AND WEALTH MEANS POWER!!
BUT ERIC RAMON'S MOMENT OF DIABOLICAL GLORY IS SHORT LIVED
AAAEEEE...!!
NO... NO! KEEP AWAY FROM ME!
THE OTHERS RACE TO THEIR TREMBLING LEADER'S SIDE...
ERIC! WHAT WAS IT? A REPTILE?
NO., NO... IT WASN'T ANYTHING...A..LITTLE JUNGLE FEVER... I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

AS THE PROCESSION HEADS TOWARDS ITS PORT OF EMBARKATION, ERIC RAMON ATTEMPTS TO COMPOSE HIMSELF... TO DISMISS FROM HIS MIND THE THOUGHT OF THE HIDEOUS APPARITION!
IT WAS A HALLUCINATION! NOTHING MORE... I WAS IMAGINING THINGS!
BUT HIS WORDS ARE BARELY UTTERED WHEN...
THE JUNGLE IS JUST... WHAA... AAGGGHH-H!

NOOO.. NO... NO!!
POOR ERIC! HE'S A VERY SICK MAN!
THANK HEAVENS WE RE ONLY A DAY'S JOURNEY FROM OUR SHIP!


THE SEAPORT IS FINALLY REACHED AND THE DISTRAUGHT RAMON BREATHES A SILENT SIGH OF RELIEF!
SAFE AT LAST! AND THE GOLD... WILL YET BE MINE!

YOU'RE LOOKING BETTER, ERIC! IT'S BEEN A LONG, AND DIFFICULT JOURNEY AND HOW AWFUL THAT ALL WE RETURN WITH IS JONATHON'S SHRUNKEN HEAD IN A BOX!
YES... AWFUL... IN A BOX...

THOSE BEASTLY CANNIBALS WERE...
AII! GET AWAY! STOP PLAGUING ME!!

BUT THE MADDENED MURDERER'S LEAP BECOMES HIS DEATH DIVE!!

WHEN THE LUCKLESS EXPEDITION RETURNS TO ITS NEW YORK OFFICES, THE BOX CONTAINING THE SHRUNKEN SKULL OF JONATHON IS OPENED AND AS THE SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE ILL-FATED EXPEDITION CRINGE IN DEATHLY HORROR...IT'S EVIDENT THAT JUSTICE...STRANGE, PRIMITIVE JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE!!

THE Monster

DEEP IN THE PRIMEVAL JUNGLE, A TERRIFIED GIRL'S FATE DEPENDED ON THE RAGING CONFLICT IN THE HEART OF A CREATURE WHO WAS HER CAPTOR... FOR THE CREATURE HAD THE HEART OF A BEAST, BUT THE BRAINS OF A MAN!

...I THINK I'LL TAKE IT OFF, IF YOU DON'T MIND!
WHA--!! I'VE DONE IT! JOHN, CAROL... I'VE DONE IT!

YES, DOCTOR, YOU HAVE. YOU'VE TAKEN THE BRAIN OF PETER GARGAN AND BROUGHT IT TO LIFE IN THIS HAIRY BODY! BUT I KNOW HOW YOU DID IT! YOU MURDERED ME, AND JOHN AND CAROL HELPED YOU!
MURDERED? DOCTOR, YOU SAID GARGAN HAD AN ACCIDENT!

HOWEVER, DOCTOR, YOU'VE GIVEN ME SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH...AND REMOVED ME FROM THE RESTRICTIONS OF HUMAN JUSTICE AND BEHAVIOR!
WHAT...DO YOU MEAN, GARGAN?
CLICK

TWO THINGS I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO, MARK... KILL YOU AND TAKE CAROL FOR MY OWN! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED YOU, CAROL...
NO, JOHN...
STAND BACK, GARGAN!

DON'T GET IN MY WAY, JOHN, I'VE NOTHING AGAINST YOU... IT'S MARK I WANT!
NO, GARGAN! I... I CREATED YOU! I MADE YOU A LIVING WONDER...

NO, MARK! YOU MADE ME A MONSTER!
NO! NO!

...AND NOW I'M MAKING YOU A DEAD ONE!
CAROL...YOU'RE COMING WITH ME! WITH THE STRENGTH OF A GORILLA AND THE BRAIN OF A MAN, I SHALL BE KING OF THE ENTIRE JUNGLE, AND YOU WILL BE MY QUEEN!
PLEASE DON'T FORCE ME TO GO, PLEASE...
MINUTES LATER...
BWANA, BWANA!

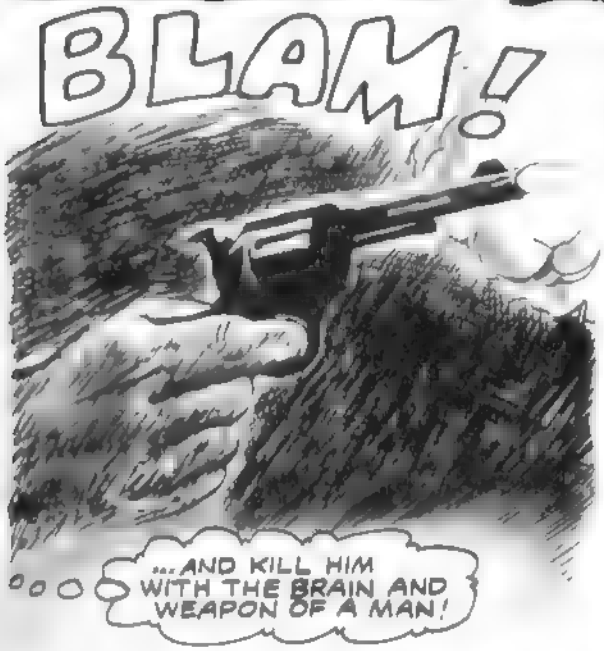
...WE MUST FOLLOW THEM, MOGU!
I DO NOT SAVVY, BWANA...BUT IF IT IS THE GREAT HAIRY MEN YOU SEEK, I KNOW WHERE! IT IS THE NIGHT OF THE EVIL MOON! THEY WILL BE DANCING IN THE DEEP FOREST..
GOOD BOY, MOGU! I'LL NEED A RIFLE...AND SOME DYNAMITE!
MOGU GO WITH YOU!
AS MOGU SAID, THE GORILLAS ARE LEAPING AND STAMPING TO THEIR PRIMITIVE RHYTHMS DEEP IN THE FOREST...

And MEANWHILE NOT FAR AWAY...
THE DRUMS! I MAY HAVE A HUMAN BRAIN, BUT THE DRUMS SOUND IN MY VERY BLOOD! I MUST GO TO THEM! I'LL CHALLENGE THE LEADER AND KILL HIM! I'LL BE LEADER!
I-I CAN'T GO ON, GARGAN! LET ME GO BACK!
YOU'LL NOT GO BACK! I'LL CARRY YOU AND DON'T MAKE A SOUND!
OHHH!

And A MOMENT LATER, THE BIG DRUM IS STILLED!

THE GREAT BULL LEADER OF THE TRIBE STEPS FORWARD..
THAT'S THE LEADER! NOW I'LL JUST...

...MEET HIS CHARGE WITH THE BRUTE STRENGTH OF A BEAST...


BLAM!
...AND KILL HIM WITH THE BRAIN AND WEAPON OF A MAN!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...
AND NOW, I AM LEADER! BOW DOWN BEFORE ME, YOU BEASTS!
NOW'S THE TIME, MOGU! LIGHT THE FUSE FOR ME!

GOT TO THROW IT HIGH... CAN'T RISK HURTING CAROL!

LOOK, BWANA! THEY RUN AWAY! ALL BUT THE ONE WE SEEK!
THAT'S JUST WHAT I EXPECTED, MOGU!

ALRIGHT... YOU'RE ALL THROUGH, APE MAN!
I'LL TEAR YOU TO PIECES... I'M SMARTER THAN YOU ARE...STRONGER...! CAROL BELONGS TO ME!

YOU'VE LOST, GARGAN... BECAUSE YOU'RE TWO CREATURES IN ONE BODY! IF YOU WERE A TRUE GORILLA, YOU'D HAVE RUN WITH THE REST!
YOU FORGOT ONE THING, JOHN...

GORILLAS ARE HARD TO KILL! I MAY DIE, BUT I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME!

SHOOT, BWANA, SHOOT! HE COMES!

WHEWWW! YOU LUCKY, BWANA! THE HAIRY ONE, HE DIED JUST WHEN LAND ON YOU!
I KNOW, MOGU!
OH, JOHN, JOHN!

WELL, I GUESS WE'LL NEVER KNOW HOW MARK DID IT!
THANK HEAVENS FOR THAT! I HOPE NO ONE EVER KNOWS!
THE END

the BLOODY DEMON
THE FINEST STONE-MASONS HEWED THE STRONGEST ROCK TO MAKE THE HOUSE AN IMPREGNIBLE FORTRESS FOR ANDREW CRAVIN AND HIS BRIDE! BUT NOT ALL THE ROCK ON EARTH COULD HOLD BACK THE VENGEFUL RAGE OF THE MURDERED DAVE BURK--WHOSE LAST BREATH LAID THE CURSE OF DOOM ON THIS HOUSE AND THOSE WITHIN IT!
HA HA HA HA HA
OR CENTURIES MEN HAVE SEARCHED THE MOUNTAINS FOR A ACHE OF MONTEZUMA'S ANCIENT TREASURE! BUT IT REMAINED OR ANDREW CRAVEN AND HIS FRIEND, DAVE BURK, TO ACTUALLY UMBLE ON THE FABULOUS HORDE!
THAT'S THE LAST LOAD, ANDREW! WE'VE CLEANED IT OUT!
ALL OURS, YOU MEAN! SEND THE BUCKET DOWN SO I CAN COME UP!
NO, DAVE! I MEAN ALL MINE! YOU'RE NOT COMING UP...EVER!
ORE THAN A ILLION DOLLARS N GOLD AND JEWELS, AVE! AND IT'S ALL MINE!

ANDREW, YOU'RE MAD! YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME HERE TO DIE!
WRONG, DAVE! NOBODY KNOWS WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER...NOBODY BUT ELSA!

YOU RAT! LEAVE MY FIANCEE'S NAME OUT OF THIS!

SHE'S REALISTIC ABOUT MONEY, DAVE! I AM RICH! WE'LL BUILD A HOUSE UP HERE!
ANDREW! DON'T KILL ME! YOU CAN HAVE THE TREASURE!

YOU FIEND! I CURSE YOU! WITH MY DYING BREATH I CURSE YOUR HOUSE! IT WILL DESTROY YOU AND HER AS YOU ARE DESTROYING M....

AN HOUR LATER...
THEY'LL NEVER FIND HIS BODY NOW! NOBODY WILL EVEN KNOW THERE WAS A SHAFT HERE!

THAT DOES IT! HE'LL NEVER GET OUT TO MENACE MY LIFE! I'LL GO NOW, BEFORE THE STORM BREAKS!

BUT THE STORM BREAKS WITH FRIGHTENING VIOLENCE!
THAT LAUGHTER!... WILD... EVIL...MENACING! IT....IT MUST BE THE WIND AMONG THE ROCKS!

GOT TO GET PAST THIS BAD SECTION BEFORE SOMETHING HAPPENS.

SUDDENLY....
RRRUMMBLE
IT MISSED ME! MISSED BY INCHES!
EEAAHH

MY---MY NERVES ARE GETTING ME! I---I HAD A FEELING HE WAS FREE AND WAITING TO DESTROY ME! BUT I'M SAFE!

I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
HA HA HA HA HA

...WITH THE DAWN....
THANK HEAVEN, I MADE IT! I'M SAFE....AND SO IS THE TREASURE! ELSA! ELSA! LET ME IN! IT'S ANDREW!

ELSA, DEAREST! I DID IT! HE...HE'S GONE FOREVER! BUT MY NERVES ARE A WRECK! HOLD ME...COMFORT ME...!
DON'T BE MAWKISH! LET ME SEE THE TREASURE! THAT'S THE IMPORTANT THING!

IT'S OVER AND DONE WITH, ELSA...BUT WE...WE'LL BUILD OUR HOUSE SOMEWHERE ELSE!
DON'T BE SILLY, ANDREW! YOU'RE TAKING ME UP THERE TOMORROW! I MUST BE SURE YOU HAVEN'T LEFT ANYTHING TO SPOIL THIS!

NO, NOT BACK THERE! HE'S DEAD...BUT HE'S WAITING FOR VENGEANCE!
WOULD YOU RATHER I TOLD THE POLICE DAVE WAS WITH YOU!

NO! I'LL...I'LL TAKE YOU TOMORROW, ELSA! I PROMISE!
NOW RUN ALONG AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO CASH THIS IN!

LATER THAT DAY, ALONE IN HIS ROOM....
OH, WHAT HAVE I DONE? SHE'LL BETRAY ME AND HAVE BOTH SHARES.
DAVE, DAVE...OH WHY DID I DO IT! NOW I'M IN A DEADLY TRAP THAT WILL KILL ME WHICHEVER WAY I TURN!

THAT LAUGHTER! HE'S ENJOYING MY ANGUISH! HE KNOWS THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR ME NOW!
EEAAAAAHAA

BUT THE NEXT DAY THE SUN SHONE AND THE DARK TERRORS OF NIGHT AND STORM NO LONGER HOVERED OVER ANDREW CRAVEN!

WHY, THIS IS A LOVELY SPOT, ANDREW! I'LL HAVE NO MORE NONSENSE! I WANT A HOUSE RIGHT HERE...

YOU SHALL HAVE IT, DEAREST! I WAS A SILLY FOOL YESTERDAY, BUT IT WAS JUST NERVES!

BUT SUDDENLY....

ELSA...THAT WILD LAUGHTER! IT'S ***HIS*** VOICE!

I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING BUT A COWARD'S TEETH CHATTERING! THIS IS FOR YOUR GHOST, DAVE BURK!

EEAAHA HAHAHA

AND SO ANDREW CRAVEN, NOW WEALTHY, BROUGHT A CREW OF STONE-MASONS AND BUILDERS TO THE REMOTE MOUNTAIN SLOPE!

YOU KNOW WHAT WE WANT--- A HOUSE OF MOUNTAIN STONE CUT AND FITTED LIKE A FORTRESS!

YOU'RE PAYING FOR IT, MR. CRAVEN! WE'LL BUILD IT LIKE YOU SAY!

WHEN WE LIFT THIS SOD, WE'LL FIND PLENTY OF ROCK FOR TRIMMING AND FITTING!

NO! I FORBID YOU TO MOVE THIS SOD! BUILD THE HOUSE RIGHT ON TOP OF IT!

I COULDN'T HAVE HIM DIG UNDER THE SOD! HE'D FIND THE SHAFT... AND THEN THE BODY!

YOU ARE A POOR WEAK JELLYFISH, AREN'T YOU, ANDREW?

THAT AWFUL LAUGHTER AGAIN! BUT...BUT YOU DON'T HEAR IT... DO YOU? YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE ***HAUNTED!***

STOP BABBLING NONSENSE AND TAKE ME HOME!

AS THE HOUSE TOOK SHAPE, ANDREW CRAVEN GREW BOLDER AS THE LAUGHTER WAS HEARD NO MORE!

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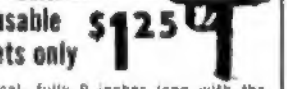

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